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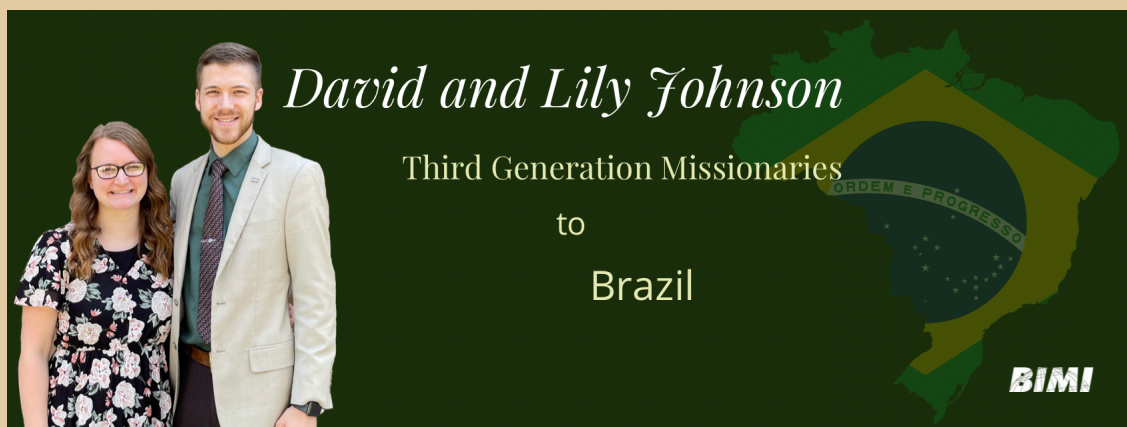
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Dear Friends,

We hope that you are all doing well and that the Lord is blessing. We have had a very trying, but fruitful several months. At the end of April, we took our teens to an annual teen camp. The preaching, as always, was on point and

God really spoke to the teens that went. I was also able to connect with several pastors and get to know them a little better during that time. **It is a blessing to be able to serve alongside these men that God is using around the region.**

Two weeks after the teen camp, we traveled about 5 hours away to preach for another missionary that we got to meet at a couple of conferences last year. We had a wonderful time with them and their church family and I was even able to work on their car a little. Praise the Lord for giving me the experience of knowing how to work on cars so that I could be a blessing to others.

Just two weeks later, we had our church's missions conference. We were able to have 3 different families come in during or around the conference to take on for support. **During the conference, one of our teens, Gustavo, became ill** with what we thought was mumps. After about a week in the hospital, the doctors finally determined that it was actually some kind of cancer. Just a couple of weeks later, **he was officially diagnosed with leukemia.** He is now in the hospital getting chemo treatment. **Pray that the Lord would give his body healing during this time.** The treatment is expected to take over 2 years before the cancer is completely taken care of.

After several weeks and various hospital visits to Gustavo, Lily and I traveled once more to Preach in Ribeirão Preto, a city about 5 hours north, and then a men's camp in Franca, another hour and a half farther to the north. Early on in the trip, I developed an inner ear infection. Praise the Lord, at the second church, there was a nurse that has also had the same infections and recommended some medicine that would help with the symptoms. Fortunately, I was still able to preach the 13 times that I was scheduled during that week, though a little more still than normal.

During our time there in Franca, the pastor, a fellow missionary, asked us if we would be willing to take care of their church while they take a brief furlough at the end of the year. We believe that this would be a great opportunity to learn more for when we plant our church in the near future. If we care for the church in Franca, we will be packing up our house and putting our things into storage in the upcoming weeks. **Pray that God would give us wisdom and direction in our next steps.** Thank you all for your continued prayers and support.

God bless.

David and Lily Johnson

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Psalm 139:14



Gustavo and his mom at the hospital.

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